

# Sponsorship *monthly*



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## Fordham Sponsorship Annual Report Released



As a charter school sponsor (authorizer), Fordham submits an accountability report to the Ohio Department of Education at the end of November each year. The report includes profiles of each Fordham-sponsored school, as well as graphics comparing the achievement data of our schools, their home districts, and statewide averages. You'll also find pertinent information on Ohio charter school spending over the last decade, and in the introduction, a timely analysis of the political and legislative environment impacting Ohio charters in 2008-09 that explains why the title, "Seeking Quality in the Face of Adversity," is befitting. You can read the full report [here](#).

## Available Grants

### General Grant Program

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) offers grants for environmental education projects in excess of \$1 million annually. These highly competitive grants are awarded in amounts of up to \$50,000 each.

There are two grant cycles annually; deadlines are January 15 and July 15. Educational projects that target pre-school through university, regulated community, and general public audiences are eligible for funding under the general grant program.

Grant guidelines are available that detail application requirements and preferred characteristics of all grant proposals. Grants coordinators are also available to assist in preparing grant proposals prior to the deadline dates.

### Mini Grant Program

OEEF began the Mini Grant Program, in 1999. Mini grants are available for projects requesting a minimum of \$500 and a maximum of \$5,000, with a project period up to 12 months. The program addresses proposals requesting funding for specific classroom and workshop projects, conference speakers, and other items/activities that are eligible under the General Grant Program. Application forms, reviews, and reporting requirements are streamlined, compared to the General Grant Program. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education has set aside up to \$50,000 each grant round, or \$100,000 each year, to fund smaller projects under this program. As with all funding requests, the final decision will be made by the Ohio EPA director.

Applications and further information available at the Ohio Environmental Education Fund [here](#) , and for Green School Resources and ideas visit ODE's website [here](#).

### 2009 School Team Nutrition Mini-Grants

The Office for Safety, Health and Nutrition (OSHN) of the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is requesting proposals from Ohio elementary schools to apply for a \$2,000 mini-grant to host an ODE-developed Parent Academy on nutrition entitled Power Up Moves and Food. Elementary schools receiving mini-grants will be required to send one facilitator to a two-hour workshop focusing on how to host a Parent Academy in their schools and communities.

The deadline to apply for the mini-grant is December 18, 2009. For guidelines and a Request for Proposal click [here](#).

# DECEMBER REMINDERS

## AOIS Submissions/Tests/Trainings



**To Do:**

December 3: Columbus Collegiate Academy Board Meeting

December 4: AOIS submission

December 11: AOIS submission

December 15: SOES monthly reporting due

December 17: Phoenix Board Meeting

December 17: Safety and Violence Prevention Training at 1pm

December 18: AOIS submission

December 21: Alliance Community Schools Board Meeting at 8am (Dayton View Campus)

December 22: Project Cash Request advance requests for January approved

December 22: Resident district review community school student records to ensure monthly deduction is accurate

**\*Fordham will be sending out quarterly newsletters and monthly event calendars starting January 2010 \***

### **Friday, December 4th:**

- AOIS: Community School Site Visit Report
- AOIS: School Safety Lockdown Drill Certification Letter
- AOIS: School Safety Training

### **Monday, December 7th:**

- Training: Community School Board from 10am to 4pm at ESCCO. Event is free; lunch is provided. Register by November 30th ([sophia.speelman@escoco.org](mailto:sophia.speelman@escoco.org)). Guest Speaker: Dr. Brian Carpenter, PhD.

### **Tues-Wed., December 8th-9th**

- Instructional Mentoring Training for the Transition Resident Educator Program {Region 11} — via STARS

### **Friday, December 11th:**

- AOIS: Special Education Expenditures Report

### **Tuesday, December 15th:**

- Symposium: Making the Connection—Linking Students and China in the 21st century from 9:00AM to 2PM at The Ohio State University. The cost is free. To register or learn more about the symposium click [here](#).

### **Thursday, December 17th:**

- Technical Assistance: Safety and Violence Prevention Webinar at 1pm sponsored by TBFF

### **Friday, December 18th:**

- AOIS: Entry Year Teacher Meeting Minutes
- AOIS: Final Approved Board Minutes November
- AOIS: Fire Drill Log
- AOIS: LPDC Meeting Minutes
- AOIS: Monthly Financial Report November

## Did You Know

Community Schools are not required to report calamity days nor submit calamity day waivers. However, community schools must make up any days or hours the school closes due to a calamity. Therefore, be sure to add hours/days to your profile, such as contingency days, to meet this requirement. Schools that fail to make up missed days or hours are at risk of losing funding for those days/hours the schools was not in session.

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